

A M E N D M E N T S t o t h e C L A I M S

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application is provided below. The status of each claim is identified.

Claims 1-2 (CANCELED)

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method for pricing a travel product, comprising the steps of:

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obtaining a first flexibility range from a first customer;
obtaining a second flexibility range from a second customer;
identifying at least one travel product that satisfies said first flexibility range and said second flexibility range;
determining a first price for sale of said identified travel product based on said first flexibility range; and
determining a second price for sale of said identified travel product based on said second flexibility range,
wherein said first price is determined by scoring said first flexibility range to obtain a score and using said score to determine a percentage discount off of an established price.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method for pricing a travel product, comprising the steps of:

obtaining a first flexibility range from a first customer;
obtaining a second flexibility range from a second customer;
identifying at least one travel product that satisfies said first flexibility range and said second flexibility range;
determining a first price for sale of said identified travel product based on said first flexibility range; and
determining a second price for sale of said identified travel product based on said second flexibility range,
wherein said first price is determined by scoring said first flexibility range to obtain a score and using said score to determine a monetary discount off of an established price.

Claims 5-55 (CANCELED)

56. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 3, in which said first flexibility range is specified in terms of a preferred travel product.

57. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 3, in which said first flexibility range is specified by a set of tolerances for at least one variable component of said travel product.

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58. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 3, in which said first flexibility range is specified in terms of a minimum value and a maximum value for at least one variable component of said travel product.

59. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 3, in which said first flexibility range includes at least one acceptable time.

60. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 3, in which said first flexibility range includes at least one acceptable date.

61. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 3, in which said first flexibility range includes a desired level of service.

62. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 3, in which said first flexibility range includes an acceptable location assignment.

63. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 3, in which identifying comprises:

receiving information about a maximum price from said customer; and
identifying a travel product having a price that is not greater than the maximum price.

64. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 3, in which identifying comprises:

receiving information about a travel product that is preferred by said customer; and
identifying a travel product other than the travel product that is preferred by said customer.

65. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 3, in which identifying comprises:

determining a set of travel products satisfying said first flexibility range; and
selecting said identified travel product at random from the set of travel products.

66. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 3, in which identifying further comprises:

selecting said identified travel product based on revenue management information.

67. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 3, further comprising:

providing a voucher to said customer to enable the purchase of one of said identified travel products.

68. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 67, further comprising:
recording identifying information about said voucher.

69. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 3, further comprising:
charging a penalty to said customer if said customer fails to purchase said identified
travel product.

Claims 70-71 (CANCELED)

72. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An article of manufacture comprising:
a computer readable medium having computer readable code means embodied thereon,
the computer readable program code means comprising:
a step to obtain a first flexibility range from a first customer;
a step to obtain a second flexibility range from a second customer;
a step to identify at least one travel product that satisfies the first flexibility range
and the second flexibility range;
a step to determine a first price for sale of the identified travel product based on
the first flexibility range; and
a step to determine a second price for sale of the identified travel product based
on the second flexibility range,
in which the step to determine the first price comprises:
a step to score the first flexibility range to obtain a score; and
a step to use the score to determine a percentage discount off of an
established price.

73. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 4, in which said first flexibility
range is specified in terms of a preferred travel product.

74. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 4, in which said first flexibility range is specified by a set of tolerances for at least one variable component of said travel product.

75. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 4, in which said first flexibility range is specified in terms of a minimum value and a maximum value for at least one variable component of said travel product.

76. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 4, in which said first flexibility range includes at least one acceptable time.

77. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 4, in which said first flexibility range includes at least one acceptable date.

78. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 4, in which said first flexibility range includes a desired level of service.

79. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 4, in which said first flexibility range includes an acceptable location assignment.

80. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 4, in which identifying comprises:

receiving information about a maximum price from said customer; and
identifying a travel product having a price that is not greater than the maximum price.

81. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 4, in which identifying comprises:

receiving information about a travel product that is preferred by said customer; and
identifying a travel product other than the travel product that is preferred by said customer.

82. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 4, in which identifying comprises:

determining a set of travel products satisfying said first flexibility range; and
selecting said identified travel product at random from the set of travel products.

83. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 4, in which identifying further comprises:

selecting said identified travel product based on revenue management information.

84. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 4, further comprising:

providing a voucher to said customer to enable the purchase of one of said identified travel products.

85. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 84, further comprising:
recording identifying information about said voucher.

86. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 4, further comprising:
charging a penalty to said customer if said customer fails to purchase said identified
travel product.

Claims 87-88 (CANCELED)

89. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An article of manufacture comprising:
a computer readable medium having computer readable code means embodied thereon,
the computer readable program code means comprising:
a step to obtain a first flexibility range from a first customer;
a step to obtain a second flexibility range from a second customer;
a step to identify at least one travel product that satisfies the first flexibility range
and the second flexibility range;
a step to determine a first price for sale of the identified travel product based on
the first flexibility range; and
a step to determine a second price for sale of the identified travel product based
on the second flexibility range,
in which the step to determine the first price comprises:
a step to score the first flexibility range to obtain a score; and
a step to use the score to determine a monetary discount off of an
established price.

Claims 90-94 (CANCELED)

95. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method comprising:
- receiving from a customer a request to purchase a travel product,
 - in which the travel product is associated with at least one variable component, and
 - in which the request includes information about a first flexibility of the customer with respect to a first variable component of the at least one variable component;
 - determining at least one travel product based on the first flexibility of the customer,
 - each at least one travel product having a respective first price;
 - determining a score based on the first flexibility of the customer;
 - determining a minimum flexibility score;
 - determining a maximum flexibility score;
 - determining a discount based on the score, the minimum flexibility score, and the maximum flexibility score; and
 - determining a respective second price for each at least one travel product based on the respective first price and the discount.

96. (NEW) A computer-readable medium storing instructions configured to direct a processor to perform the method of Claim 95.